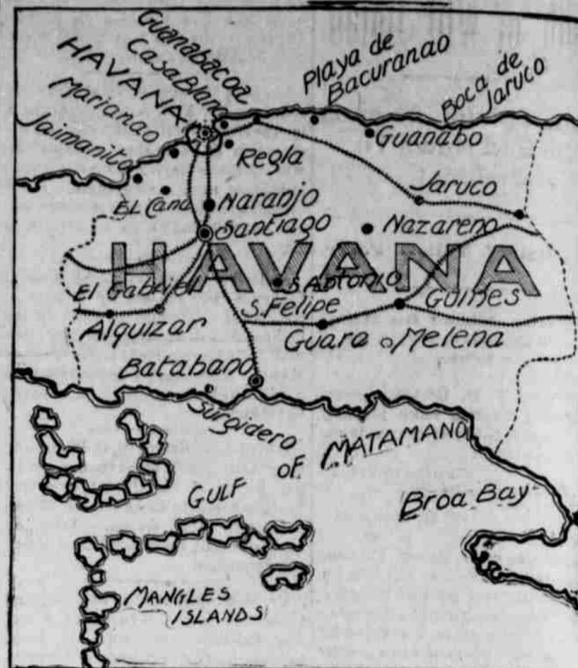


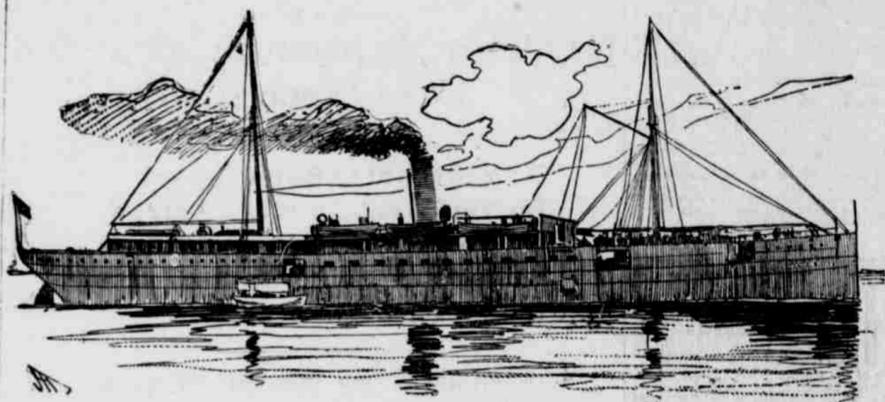
THE CANARY ISLANDS.

The Canary islands, owned by Spain, form an archipelago in the north Atlantic ocean, about 80 miles from the west coast of Africa. They comprehend a group of which the principal islands are Tenerife, Gran Canaria, Palma, Lanzarote, Fuerteventura, Gomera and Hierro. The area of the islands is 2,800 square miles, and the population about 300,000. They are volcanic in their formation and contain high mountains, the principal being the peak of Tenerife, 12,182 feet high. Wine was at one time the chief article of export, but since the destruction of the grape crop, in 1853, cochineal largely took its place. The principal trade of the islands of late years has been with the United States and England. The vegetation of both the tropical and the temperate zones can be grown successfully in the islands. Since early in the fifteenth century the group passed into the possession of Spain and is represented in the cortes. The Canary islands would form a valuable acquisition to this country, and under a milder and juster rule would become much more productive. The principal city of the Canaries is the city of Santa Cruz on the island of Tenerife. The harbor is a good one, and, like nearly all other Spanish harbors, is fortified.

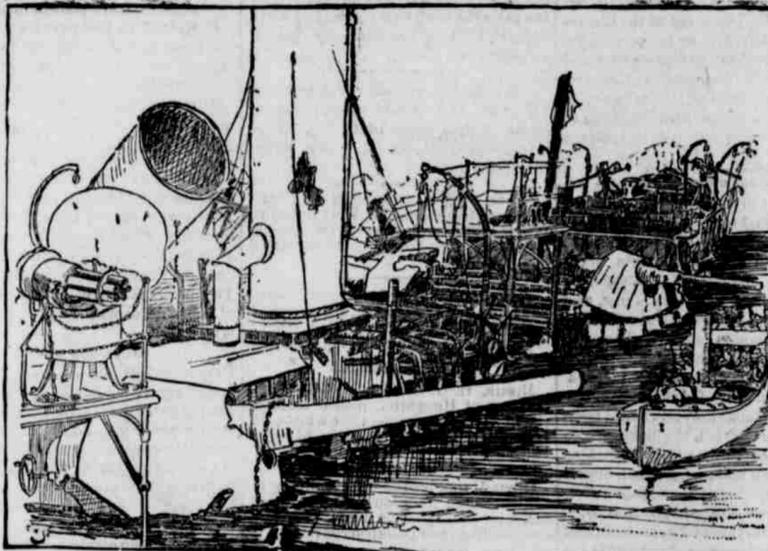


THE PROVINCE OF HAVANA.

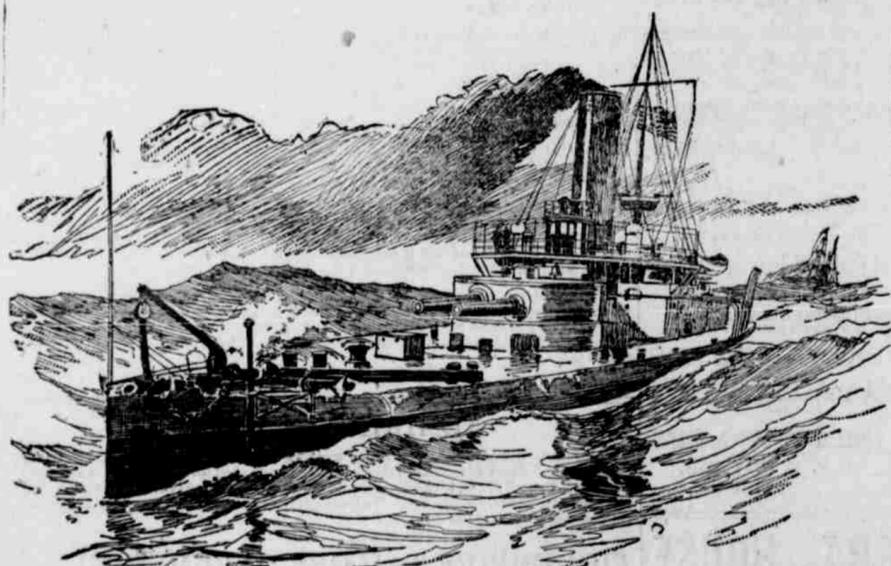
Havana province is the most important in Cuba, for the reason that the city of Havana, the capital of the island, is not only the largest city, but the most difficult to take both by land and sea. Havana is supposed to be defended by at least 50,000 troops and by numerous batteries of modern guns. The defenses have been greatly strengthened since the war began. From Havana a railroad crosses the island to Batabano, and it is only an hour's ride between the two places. By means of this railroad Havana has been receiving many of its supplies which were taken from Jamaica to the Isle of Pines, ferried to Batabano and carried by rail to the capital.



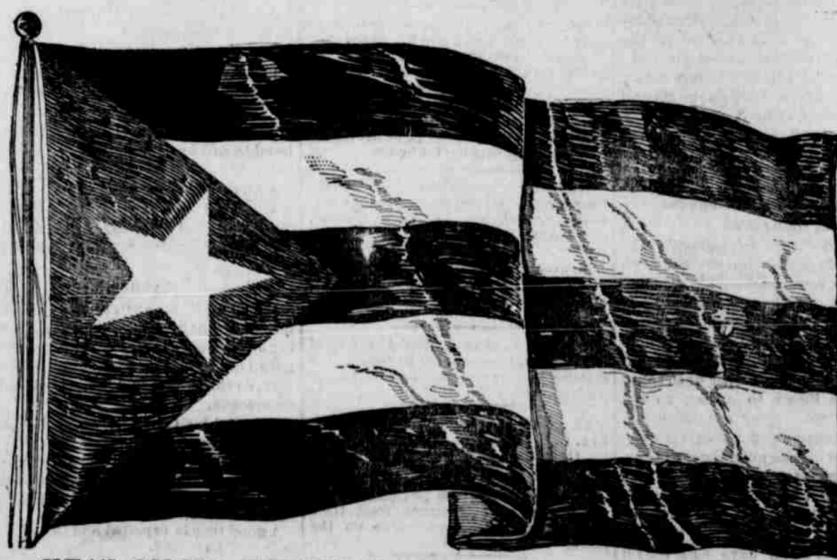
TRANSPORT PANTHER, WHICH LANDED MARINES AT GUANTANAMO BAY.



AN ARTIST'S SKETCH OF THE REINA CRISTINA AT CAVITE.



THE MONITOR MONTEREY.



CUBA'S COLORS—THE FIVE BARRED FLAG WITH A SINGLE STAR.



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